

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2011-02

MICHIGAN STATE PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MSPAC)

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE “WATERLOO RECREATION AREA LAND TRANSACTION WITH AGGREGATE INDUSTRIES, INC.”

ADOPTED: April 7, 2011

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Natural Resources Commission (NRC), the Michigan State Parks Advisory Committee (MSPAC), and the DNR Parks and Recreation Division recommended to the DNR Director approval of a 324-acre gift of land from Aggregate Industries, Inc., and issuance of a 10-year non-metallic mineral lease of 72.44 acres of adjacent state land; and

WHEREAS, the land transaction with Aggregate Industries, Inc. was approved by the DNR Director on January 7, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the 324-acre gift of land is a significant in-holding within the Waterloo Recreation Area, it will provide significant recreational opportunity and complements the western boundary of the Waterloo Recreation area; and

WHEREAS, the DNR will receive fair market value for the mineral resources and ecological restoration with native species on the 324-acre parcel and the 72.44-acre parcel; and

WHEREAS, the DNR prepared and is submitting a 6(f)3 federal land conversion application to the National Park Service because of the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund interest in the Waterloo Recreation Area; and

WHEREAS, the land transaction represents sound park management planning, site restoration, and the acquisition will contribute to the DNR’s land consolidation strategy by adding to the state-owned land within the boundary of the Waterloo Recreation Area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the MSPAC confirms their support for this land transaction and the 6(f)3 application to the National Park Service to convert 72.44 acres of the 21,045-acre Waterloo Recreation Area for a non-metallic mineral lease, and replace it with 324 acres of adjacent private land; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MSPAC confirms that the land transaction with Aggregate Industries, Inc. to be an outstanding opportunity to contribute to the DNR’s land consolidation strategy, enhance access, protect habitat and increase recreational opportunities at the Waterloo Recreation Area.

Submitted by: MSPAC Operations and Stewardship Subcommittee

Motioned by: Chris Graham, Subcommittee Chair
Seconded by: Bill Rose

Yeas:	9
Nays:	0
Abstained:	0
Absent:	6

This Resolution was adopted by the Michigan State Parks Advisory Committee at their April 7, 2011, meeting as Resolution No. 04-2011-02.